

I'd like to ask Senator Hohenstein a question.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hohenstein, would you respond, please.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Hohenstein, in current law, and it's not touched by Senator Will's bill, is the amount of \$80 million over which there will be a tax...above which there will be a tax rate of 4 percent. Between 10 million and 80 million, based on the current law, not my amendment, the tax rate is 2.5 percent. I didn't change any of those tax rates, but, as you pointed out, I lowered the threshold at which the tax would have to be paid. If you are in opposition to this current amendment, because you feel it would hurt these little tracks, which is of no concern to me and I'll be completely honest on that, what about at the other end where we're talking about reaching a level of 80 million before you pay 4 percent instead of 2.5 percent? If that were reduced to 60 million, which means that between 10 million and 60 million you pay 2.5 percent instead of 10 million and 80 million, could you support an amendment like that? Leave the 10 million in place as the exempted amount, where the moochers, spongers and gimmies don't pay anything?

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Senator Chambers, when you get over \$10 million that's of no concern to me, and I'll be perfectly frank with you on that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you support an amendment that would reduce that 80 million down to 60 million?

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Senator Chambers, that doesn't affect Atokad, so it's of no concern to me. I...I think that however...I see Senator Hall is looking around. I should be concerned. So I'm going to...yes, I am concerned, Senator Chambers, about that amendment. (Laughter.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you're very shrewd and savvy. But since that's not the amendment before us, I'll wait until that time comes. If this bill had not gotten past General File when I was not here, it moved with scarcely any debate. And I don't blame the ones whose bill it is for moving it as quickly as they could. That's what you do when you have a bad bill like this, you just slip it by when everybody is in a good mood and asleep. But what people need to understand, and there are new people